

Case 7253

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry  
Under 35 USC 371 from  
the International Application of  
STRANG, Janine Morgens et al  
Int'l Application No. PCT/US99/19204  
Filed in the RO/US on 24 August 1999  
Entitled: Cleaning Compositions That Reduce  
Shrinkage Of Fabrics

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Before computing the fees for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

- \* Please cancel claims 3 thru 10.

Please add the following new claims:

11. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the cleaning/refreshment composition comprises water and a surfactant.

12. The composition according to claim 11, wherein the surfactant is a nonionic surfactant, preferably an ethoxylated alcohol or ethoxylated alkyl phenol.

13. An overall non-immersion cleaning/refreshment process for treating a fabric comprising the overall steps of:

- (a) placing the fabric together with a substrate in a containment bag;
- (b) placing the bag in a hot air clothes dryer, or the like apparatus, and operating said apparatus with heat and tumbling; and
- (c) removing the fabric from the bag; and

wherein releasably absorbed in the substrate is:

- (i) a fabric shrinkage reducing composition selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, all isomers of propanediol, butanediol, pentanediol, hexanediol and mixtures thereof, and more preferably selected from the group consisting of neopentyl glycol, polyethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 1-octanol and mixtures thereof; and
- (ii) a liquid cleaning/refreshment composition; and